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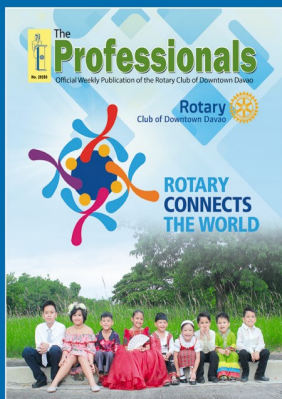
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COVER STORY



The Downtowners are committed to serve as they connect people who have less in life to a diverse group of professionals through Rotary's Six Areas of Focus, in their communities, sharing their talents, skills and resources without counting the cost. The children represents other countries in the world which Rotary connects and serve. RCDD plays an important role in helping ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD through it's humanitarian services, world understanding and goodwill.

Prayer

Dear Lord, as we enter this new month of September, we pray that you would draw us closer to you than we know was possible. Please lead and guide us in dedicating this month for our children's Basic Education and Literacy. Please go before us and make the rough roads smooth. Help us order our days to live life to the fullest and to take nothing for granted. We thank you for knowing our needs before we ask and for being by our side in all we do. May we be a blessing to others and point the way to you. We love you, Lord and we commit this day and month unto your hands. In your Mighty and Holy Name, we pray. Amen.

THE MISSION OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

We provide service to others, promote integrity and advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through our fellowship of business, professional and community leader.

THE 4-WAY TEST

- of the things we think, say or do
1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
 2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
 3. Will it build **GOODWILL** & better friendships?
 4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

CORE VALUES

Service, Fellowship, Diversity, Integrity and Leadership

OBJECT OF ROTARY

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- FIRST.** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- SECOND.** High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- THIRD.** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- FOURTH.** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

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PRESIDENT LIKES

By: Ethel "Ethel" C. Caceres
President, RY 2019-2020

Fellow Downtowners,

The month of August just ended and what better way to commemorate the Membership Month than to have our membership grow when we inducted two new members and three honorary members. We keep connecting and growing. More members means more hands and resources for more service projects. Hopefully, our membership will not only grow in quantity but also in quality with our upcoming Membership Seminar here in Davao City on September 7, Saturday.

We start the month of September with the theme, "Basic Education and Literacy". We hope to strengthen our projects on children's education at our Day Care Center and perhaps in some public elementary schools.

We face a new day and a new month with a grateful heart and worries fade away as we connect Rotary to the world! On this 3rd month of the Rotary year, our goal as Rotarians is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support the Basic Education and Literacy Program of Government as well as promote adult literacy. A healthy and educated citizenry leads to a progressive country.

A peaceful life, heart and mind to us all!!! Magandang Buhay!!!

PROGRAMME

10th REGULAR MEETING & INDUCTION

September 4, 2019, Wednesday 12:00nn
Grand Men Seng Hotel, Pichon St., Davao City

"ON TO THE DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR, A CONTINUING ROTARY EDUCATION"

Call To Order

President Ethel "Ethel" C. Caceres

Turnover of Proceedings to the Program Host

PAG/PP Enerie "Irene" B. Aquino

Invocation, Singing of the Phil. National Anthem, and Recitation of the Rotary Core Values.

Rtn. Corazon "Cora" L. Costan

Introduction of Visiting Rotarians/Rotaractors and Guests

PAG/DGR-PR Rozanne "Twinkle" C. Gamboa

Community Singing/Performance

INSTAGRAM Barkadahan

Updates on the District Membership Seminar Preparation

PP/Membership Chair Eliza Joy "Joy" S. Hilario

Re-Echo of the District TRF Seminar In Butuan City

PP/Auditor Vilma "Vi" U. Kho

RETURN OF PROCEEDINGS TO THE PRESIDENT

President's Time: **President Ethel "Ethel" C. Caceres**

Secretary's Time: **Secretary Gwendelyn S. Viado**

Treasurer's Time: **IPP/Treas. Josefa "Josie" P. Ortiz**

Adjournment.: **President Ethel "Ethel" C. Caceres**

F E L L O W S H I P



What's on your Mind

By: PP Sylvia C. Navarro

Where to look in the Bible when you....

need rest and peace
worry
are lonely or fearful
need peace of mind
are disappointed
by people
grow bitter or critical
have sinned

Matthew 11:28-30
Matthew 6:19-34
Psalm 23
John 14:27, Philippians 4:6-8

Psalm 27
Corinthians 13
Psalm 51, 1 John 1

are discouraged
feel God seems far away
think the world seems
bigger than God
are sick
feel sorrowful
are in danger
want courage

Psalm 34
Psalm 139

Psalm 90
Psalm 41
John 14, Psalm 46
Psalm 91
Joshua 1:1-9

need assurance
forget your blessings
are looking for joy
leave home to travel
think of investments
need guidelines for living
need rules of conduct
need to know God's will
for your life

Romans 8
Psalm 103
Colossians 3
Psalm 121
Mark 10:17-31
Matthew 5-7, Romans 12
Exodus 20:1-17
Proverbs 3:1-6



Secretary's Twitts

By: Secretary Ma. Gwendelyn S. Viado

ATTENDANCE REPORT	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5
Members Actually Present	15				
Members with valid Make-up	5				
Total Attendance	20				
Membership Size	31				
Excused due to Health Reasons	5				
Net Membership Base	26				
Total Attendance Divided by Net Membership Rate	77%				

Early Birds:

1. Anjera "Coco" D. Calaca
2. Martha "Martha" L. Carlsen
3. Josefa "Josie" P. Ortiz
4. Eliza Joy "Joy" S. Hilario
5. Sylvia "Binggot" C. Navarro

Visiting Rotarians:

1. PDG Pablito "Billy" Parilla- RC Matina Davao

GUEST:

1. Marrassa Adorable - Guest of PP Marina "Maring" Ruivivar
2. Marife Salcedo
3. Jun Cervantes
4. Alma C. Garduque
5. Pamela Morata
6. Rhiza Jean Pepito

Make-Ups
 RC North Davao Meeting
 North Club House, F. Torres St., Davao City

August 2, 2019

1. Vilma U. Kho
2. Herminia S. Polintan
3. Angelita M. Ang

PRM Management Meeting In Manila. August 30, 2019

1. Edna C. Ko
2. Rozanne C. Gamboa

ACTIVITIES OF THE MONTH

- September 4, 2019 - **10th Regular Meeting**
Rotaract Club of Downtown Davao - Tecarro College Foundation Induction of Officers and Directors and 4th Charter Anniversary
- September 7, 2019 - **11th Regular Meeting**
Annual Membership Seminar (Mindanao)
- September 8, 2019 - Blood Letting with RC South Davao 10:00 AM @ Stella Mariz Academy
- September 11, 2019 - **12th Regular Meeting:** Talk on Financial Literacy Turnover /Distribution of Computer DCPO) and Induction of New Member and Honorary Member
- September 14, 2019 - Mangrove Planting (One District, One Mangrove Planting)
- September 18, 2019 - **13th Regular Meeting**
"Planning for Pink October"
- September 25, 2019 - **14th Regular Meeting**
"Celebration of Life" Motiff: Hat Party
- September 28, 2019 - Dental/Prenatal/Feeding at Agdao



Sunshine

By: VP Herminia S. Polintan



Archie Francisco F. Gamboa
September 02



Belen "Belen" D. Gemelo
September 07



Sylvia "Binggot" C. Navarro
September 28



Wisdom Connects

Compiled by: PP Edna C. Ko

President's message

Dear fellow Rotarians and members of the family of Rotary,

Here in the United States, another summer is winding down. And for the Maloney family, every summer ends with a return to my hometown of Ridgway, Illinois, for the annual Popcorn Day festival, where I am honored to serve as the "Popcorn King," the master of ceremonies for the day's events.

Regardless of the season, every family has its own traditions. I would like to suggest a new one for yours: Find an opportunity to introduce your family to Rotary. One of my family's traditions is to take our daughters and grandsons to the Rotary International Convention. The 2020 convention in Honolulu will be a wonderful way to introduce your children and grandchildren to the internationality of Rotary. We are planning many family-oriented events for everyone to enjoy.

Any time is a fabulous time to bring family members on a Rotary service project or to a fundraising event. But perhaps you have not seen many family-friendly events at your club. That is precisely why one of my top priorities this year is to make most Rotary events welcoming to family members.

We must foster a culture where Rotary does not compete with family, but complements it. We should never expect our members to choose between the two. That means being realistic in our expectations, considerate in our scheduling, and welcoming of children at Rotary events on every level.

Often, the young professionals that Rotary needs to attract in order to remain a dynamic 21st-century service organization are the very people who have the greatest family responsibilities. We must not keep these prospective young members away from their families by holding events on evenings and weekends at which their children are not welcome.

For too long, we have closed the doors of many Rotary events to children and sometimes even spouses. What wasted opportunities these are! Every chance we have to pass on the gift of Rotary to young people is one we must take if we are going to grow Rotary and ensure that the next generation is fully engaged in our mission.

So let us open our doors and do it in a fun way, with opportunities that make our children and grandchildren want to learn more about Interact, Rotaract, and Rotary membership. Start small if you must — perhaps by holding some of your meetings at more family-friendly times — but think about how you can continue these kinds of events for years to come.

Bringing children to Rotary events is not just fun; it also exposes them to the world! Make this a memorable year for your family — and an unforgettable year for the ever-expanding family of Rotary as *Rotary Connects the World*.



MARK DANIEL MALONEY
President, Rotary International

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Assistant Governor **Marilyn P. Puno**

Area 2C First Joint Meeting/Health Forum: **RC Central Davao, RC East Davao, RC West Davao & RC Downtown Davao**

“HEALTH IS WEALTH”- Rotary Helping Prevent Chronic Diseases

Date: August 31, 2019, Saturday @ 1:00 P.M.

Venue: EMCOR Function Hall, Bajada, Davao City

Guest Speaker: Rolando “Oyie” Balburias, MD, FPCP, IFMCP
General Internal Medicine & Certified Functional Medicine Practitioner

Topic: “The Future of Medicine Preventing & Reversing Chronic Diseases Through Food and Sleep”



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION DONORS

By: **Rozanne C. Gamboa**
TRF/ International
Service Committee Chair

**The Rotary Club of Downtown Davao
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1. **Rozanne C. Gamboa- PHS**
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3. **Marilyn P. Puno**
4. **Myla P. Cocon**

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23. **Minda G. Ortique**
24. **Gina S. Peralta**
25. **Roman O. Tesoro (+)**
26. **Agatha Ellen S. Valencia**
27. **Marianne Louise C. Gamboa**
28. **Teofilo Ymil C. Gamboa**
29. **PMA Sinagtala Class'86**
30. **Renz Ralpi Panuncio PHF**
31. **Princess Kainiel Panuncio**
32. **Efren Daniel P. Panuncio**



Trending Now



By: PP Vilma U. Kho

How To Style Clothes You Already Have

To look interesting and stylish it is not necessary to buy expensive clothes.

And you don't need to follow all the fashion trends. The easiest way to create a trendy and creative image is to use the mix&match style technique.

What is mix & match?

Today in the fashion world is very important when you combine 2 or 3 contrasting styles with each other in one image. This is called mix&match and it's not as difficult as it may seem.

How to combine styles in clothes using mix&match technique

You take some style, a clean set of clothes and add 1 or 2 things from a contrasting style to it.

An example:

Take a pastel dress with lace of a romantic style and add 1 rock style accessory – black leather shoes. Now we have a set with 2 contrasting styles: rock and romance. Mix & match of romantic and rock styles.

One more example:

You take a classic suit and add sneakers from the sport style. Sporty and classic styles are considered contrasting.

What styles may be combined

The most important thing in creating an image in the mix&match technique is to choose contrasting styles.

So a set of clothes will look unusual and unexpected.

What I mean:

Take a classic office dress.

If you combine it with ballet shoes, it will go an absolutely ordinary image, there are no contrasts here. But if you add sneakers to a classic dress, it will already look like a contrasting and unexpected element.

What is not mix & match of styles

If one of you thinks that mixing styles is when you simply add another casual bag to sports items, in reality it will not look like mix & match. Or if you wear some less classic bag with an evening dress – it will not look like mix & match either.

However, if you wear an evening dress with a bag over the shoulder, which is more associated with the sporty style, you get a contrast of styles.

In mix & match there must be a contrast, that is a turning point. The detail must be completely from another contrasting style.

What styles are considered contrasting in the fashion world today:

- sport and classics
- romance and rock
- rock and sport
- evening wear and sporty style

WHERE TO MAKE-UP IN DAVAO CITY

MONDAYS:

6:00 PM RC CENTRAL DAVAO
Grand Men Seng Hotel

TUESDAYS:

12:00 NN RC EAST DAVAO
Marco Polo Hotel

WEDNESDAYS:

12:00 NN RC DOWNTOWN DAVAO

Grand Men Seng Hotel
RC SOUTH DAVAO
Marco Polo Hotel

6:00 PM RC MATINA DAVAO

Lispher Inn
RC DAVAO 2000
Road Way Inn

7:00 PM RC STA. ANA DAVAO
Grand Men Seng Hotel

WEDNESDAYS:

7:00 PM RC PAG-ASA DAVAO
Lispher Inn
RC CALINAN DAVAO
Milsoso, Calinan

THURSDAYS:

12:00 NN RC DAVAO
RCD Club House
RC WALING-WALING
Grand Men Seng Hotel
RC WEST DAVAO
Marco Polo Hotel

FRIDAYS:

12:00 NN RC NORTH DAVAO
RCN Club House

SATURDAYS:

7:00 PM RC TORIL DAVAO
RCT Club House

MAKE-UP CARD

Name of Rotarian: _____

Club & Position: _____

Make Up Time & Date: _____



Downtowners in Action

By: PE Myla P. Cocon
Editor-in-Chief

8th REGULAR MEETING & INDUCTION WELCOME BABY ROTARIANS & HONORARY MEMBERS

August 28, 2019



L-R: Program Host Coco Calaca, Pres. Ethel Caceres, Hon. Pamela Morata and AG/PP Bolyn Puno.



PE Myla Cocon, leading in the Invocation, Singing of the Phil. National Anthem & Rotarian Hymn; Recitation of the Four Way Test.



The ever-smiling Sgt-at-Arms Andeng dela Cerna introducing the visiting Rotarians and Guests.



PP/Membership Chair, Joy Hilario, smiling first before introducing the Baby Rotarians & Honorary Members before they were inducted.



AG Bolyn Charging the Baby Rotarians as their sponsors stand in witness.



Pres. Ethel Caceres inducting Myla T. Adorable with sponsors PDS/PP Marina Ruivivar & PP Sylvia Navarro and Alstair Rey L. Tecarro, Jr. with sponsors AG/PP Marilyn Puno & PP Eliza Joy Hilario.



Councilor Pamela Alonsabe-Morata giving her response on behalf of the newly inducted Honorary Members.



The RCDD Ladies posing with the newly inducted Rotarians and Honorary Members.



FAMILY OF ROTARY

By: **PE Myla P. Cocon**
Editor-in-Chief

MESSAGE

Hon. Pamela “Pameng” Alonsabe-Morata

City Councilor, District 1

It is but opportune that on this induction ceremony, we have before us these new honorary members of which I am one, who are actually dynamic people and are ready to serve the less fortunate families in our various communities. Why this counts already as an achievement is very true because the moment we accept the challenge before us, we do so with commitment and 100% dedication to the ideals and aspirations of Rotary. As they say: *Every achievement is a servitude. It compels us to a higher achievement.* Thus, we can only expect greater things in the days to come and as we are all certain, this set of both old and new faces will hopefully be able to accomplish more and continue working for greater things.

So to this new set of newly-inducted members, I am extending my warmest congratulations! Let us all be the movers and shakers of the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao in our noble aim to serve the less fortunate communities in our midst through our various programs like medical missions, feeding, tri-medical services, tuli or circumcision and fund-raising activities for our incoming projects such as school building and water facilities.

The one thing that first entered my mind when the invitation to join was extended to me was the fact that being both a Rotary member and public servant requires commitment and dedication. I say this because as I became a part of Rotary right now, it is somehow instilled in me to find myself through community service. I found myself becoming a volunteer, becoming an advocate, all towards a far nobler purpose than self-fulfillment.

Of all things, public service was the farthest from my

mind while I was in school and after being a businesswoman for many years; but seeing how less fortunate others were, the little efforts that we do will mean a lot and so from now on, joining and being part of the Rotary's programs and projects will be a crucial part of my present stint in the City Council. I join Rotary, as other groups and organizations with a similar purpose because I found out that public service is showing exemplary commitment to the people you have vowed to serve and helping them in as much as you can.

It is to work beyond expectations with the same degree of commitment and passion for the various responsibilities entrusted to you be it as a volunteer, a college student, a city councilor, or a Rotary member in your chapter. The last of course, entails greater pressure because of the outstanding leadership skills shown by the long line of previous Rotary officers and members who selflessly served the organization. Along this line, my piece of advice to our newly-inducted members today is to keep the fire of service burning; we all have to continue doing our best and be true to the ideals espoused by the organization.

It is my fervent hope that our continued zeal to accomplish more, open up avenues towards the expansion of opportunities especially for the underserved and marginalized. I am positive that this year's batch of new members would hugely contribute to the development and progress of the city. It is also my hope that we all continue to work only for the greater good.

Congratulations to everyone, especially to our RCDD President, Ethel C. Caceres. Once again, Daghang Salamat sa pribelihiyo. Good day, everyone!

PAST PRESIDENTS

1993-1994	PDG/CP Evelyn A. Magno	2006-2007	PP Ma. Richelle B. Vicente
1994-1995	PP Cornelia P. Aportadera	2007-2008	PP Eliza Joy H. Balinas
1995-1996	PP Cynthia B. Rodriguez	2008-2009	PP Marina B. Ruivivar
1996-1997	PP Estrella Luz B. Cabebe	2009-2010	PP Thelma S. Ciudadano
1997-1998	PP Elisa W. Tay	2010-2011	PP Cristeta G. Gallano
1998-1999	PP Linda C. Tesoro	2011-2012	PP Enerie B. Aquino
1999-2000	PP Felina A. Javellana	2012-2013	PP Lagrimas T. Acero
2000-2001	PP Vilma U. Kho	2013-2014	PP Marie Josephine B. De Vera
2001-2002	PP Sylvia C. Navarro	2014-2015	PP Ruth Theresa G. Castellones
2002-2003	PP Ma. Chona F. Caingles	2015-2016	PP Marilyn P. Puno
2003-2004	PP Charisse P. Puentespina	2016-2017	PP Rozanne C. Gamboa
2004-2005	PP Edna C. Ko	2017-2018	PP Angelita M. Ang
2005-2006	PP Agatha Ellen S. Valencia	2018-2019	IPP Josefa P. Ortiz



Rotary Club of Downtown Davao

RCDD's HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS
RY 1993-1994 to RY 2019-2020

By: **PDS/PP Marina Bello-Ruivivar**
Club Historian

RCDD CONNECTS ROTARY TO THE WORLD

The commitment to the Rotary motto, SERVICE ABOVE SELF became a way of life for every Downtowner as their continuing programs and projects on the six (6) Areas of Focus, have served those who have less in life so they too can enjoy the world that Rotary dreams of.

RCDD prides itself to be consistent in its outstanding performance as a service club working towards perfection, without counting the cost. There were difficult times along the way especially on financial resources, and personal relationships. But undaunted, RCDD survived with flying colors, receiving awards and recognition year after year. RCDD has been blazing the trail and raising the bar for Rotary clubs in District 3860 since its charter year. A landmark achievement was made during RY 1998-1999 when RCDD bested all Rotary clubs in the District with a grand slam, winning all four (4) major district awards- "Most Outstanding Club, President, Secretary, and Club Bulletin". There was no turning back for RCDD. It has to forge on and get better and better each year in its service to humanity. The best genuine awards that the club has ever received are the happy smiles and expression of gratitude from the people it serves.

Chartered on February 23, 1993, as an all-women service club, by then RI President Robert R. Batch, RCDD articulated the Rotary theme, "Believe in What You Do, Do What You Believe In" through its projects on the children's and women's welfare and development, the elderly and the marginalized families in the community. The Charter Year was one great celebration as the whole Rotary world was then celebrating the 88th Foundation Anniversary of Rotary International, and RCDD became the 29, 258th Rotary Club all over the world. and the 79th club in District 3860. RCDD then was the second all-women club in Area 2.

RCDD was recognized as a one hundred (100%) percent Paul Harris Fellow Club as of RY 2011-2012. The following are major donors: Archie Francisco F. Gamboa and Rozanne C. Gamboa, level 3; Paulino and Edna C. Ko, level 2. Archie and Rozanne Gamboa were the lone District awardees during RY 2018-19, as a "Rotarian Couple Polio Plus Achiever", and RCDD as a "Polio Fund Club Achiever."

Some landmark projects of RCDD, deserving of the awards are the following:

1. The multi-purpose building named "Center for Hope" which houses the Day Care Center, the Medical-Dental, Pre-Natal and Health Clinic as well as a workshop for skills training as a source of livelihood for the marginalized families in two (2) barangays: Centro and Vicente Duterte at Agdao District, Davao City. This is also where RCDD's Rotary Community Corps Officers and members meet and hold their events and activities.
2. A Children's mini-library and Reading Center at the People's Park turned over to the City Government during RY 2009-2010. RCDD continues to conduct literacy training services to the children, such as story-telling, book donations, and gift-giving.
3. The Shelter for Abused Women and Children to house victims of domestic violence and abuse, turned over to the Police Regional Office II Women and Children

Protection Department, during RY 2014-2015. Support services are continued by RCDD every year.

4. Construction of Comfort rooms and handwashing stations in public Elementary and Secondary Schools in Davao City as needed and/or requested.
5. Donation of hospital beds and facilities to the PNP-PRO II Hospital at Camp Quintin Mericido, Catitipan, Davao City during RY 2014-2015, a continuing project of the club.
6. Wheelchair donations to the patients of the Calinan Medical Center.
7. The Annual Pink October (Breast Cancer Awareness) projects for a Health Forum, free breast screening, mammogram and breast ultra-sound services.
8. The annual Tri-Medical Missions (free Medical-Dental, Eye Health Care and Pre-Natal Clinics) conducted every Charter Anniversary.
9. A 2-storey structure housing four (4) classrooms for children in conflict with the law and out-of-school youths who are scholars of the Davao City Police Office, a part of the city's Project "Operation Kalinaw". Partnership was forged with the Rotary Club of Camp Crame, Philippine Military Academy Sinagtala Class'86, the Philippine National Police-PRO II, and the Davao City Police Office. It was likewise partially funded by The Rotary Foundation. Other generous donors contributed to the project.

RCDD started as an all-Women service club, until RY 2018-2019 when it marked its 26th Year with another milestone as it inducted two distinguished gentlemen, converting the club from an exclusive all- women Service club to a mixed gender club, in response to the challenge of Rotary International. The two new gentleman Downtowners are: Paulino B. Ko, a successful businessman who leads a Band called Recto Rhythm, and Archie Francisco F. Gamboa, a high-ranking 3-star General of the Philippine National Police. Police Deputy Director General Gamboa is currently the Chief of Operations of the Philippine National Police in Camp Crame, Quezon City. He is also a lawyer, therefore, has reviewed and helped prepare the Amended Constitution and By-Laws of RCDD before finally ratified by the general membership during RY 2018-2019. Archie, as he is fondly called by fellow Downtowners, is among the fifty (50) individuals around the world who received the "Rotarian Spouse Award" in Rotary Year 2016-2017.

The Downtowners meet every Wednesday at noontime at the Grand Men Seng Hotel along A. Pichon Street, Davao City. They come in their official green blazers during special and important occasions, and share the presence of each other as a gift of friendship and life. They come together to share ideas and thoughts, aspirations and dreams, giving to the other, and accepting from each other the far deeper realities of life, making their own lives richer and more meaningful.

The Rotary Club of Downtown Davao, under the leadership of this year's President Ethel Chavez-Caceres with her Champion Team, will continue to plant the Rotary seeds of Goodwill and Service in every Community it reaches out, making a difference in the people's quality of life, and continue to be an Inspiration as it connects Rotary to the world!

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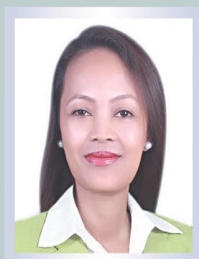
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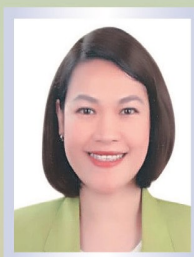
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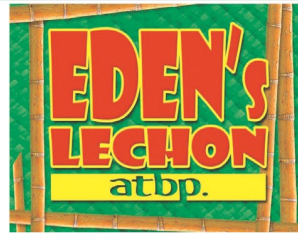
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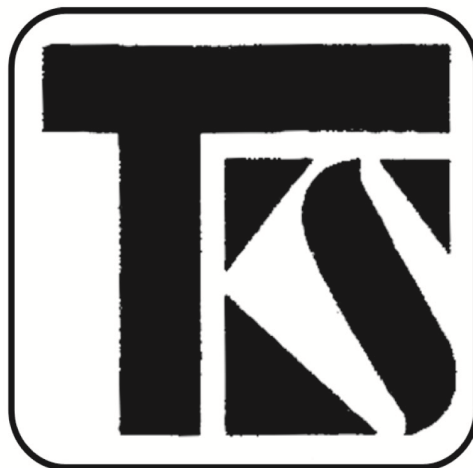
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